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Letter dated 27 February 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

We have previously submitted a series of complaints to the Security Council regarding the continuing flagrant attacks perpetrated by insurgents from the northern branch of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) against the Sudan, in violation of its territorial unity and sovereignty. I should now like to inform you that some 1,500 of those insurgents have carried out yet another brutal attack. The attack was supported by a substantial number of officers and soldiers from the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) of South Sudan. Also participating were militants from the so-called "Alliance of the Revolutionary Front", which, according to officials of the northern branch of SPLM, includes insurgent movements in Darfur. The attack began on the morning of Sunday, 26 February 2012 and targeted the White Lake area in Southern Kordofan State, within the territory of the Sudan.

The Government of the Sudan condemns in the strongest possible terms this treacherous attack, which was planned and carried out with the support of the Republic of South Sudan. Moreover, the attack occurred only two weeks after the signing, under the auspices of the African Union and as witnessed by the international community, of the Memorandum of Understanding on Non-Aggression and Cooperation between the Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan.

The Government of the Sudan has notified the international community — particularly the Security Council as the body responsible for preserving international peace and security — as well as the African Union, the League of Arab States and other regional organizations, of South Sudan's recurrent blatant attacks on its territory. The State of South Sudan would not have come into existence without the courageous and responsible position of the leadership, Government and people of the Sudan and their commitment to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. Yet South Sudan continues to carry out attacks and refuses to sever its links with the ninth and the tenth divisions of the SPLA, which are stationed in South Kordofan and Blue Nile States. South Sudan continues to supply those divisions with arms and combat equipment and to pay the salaries of their members, despite the fact that, in the referendum, the people of the south voted for secession.

The Government of the Republic of South Sudan directly planned and organized the insurgency of the two divisions. It has taken concerted political steps to rally those divisions in South Kordofan and Blue Nile States, along with insurgents from Darfur movements that have refused to sign the Doha Document for

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Peace in Darfur, including the so-called "Revolutionary Front", in an open attempt to undermine the stability and security of the Sudan.

The Government of the Sudan condemns South Sudan for these ongoing criminal actions, which violate all international norms and instruments, including the Charter of the United Nations. It reaffirms that it reserves the full, legitimate sovereign right to respond to that aggression in order to preserve the security and stability of the Sudan and its people.

In drawing your attention to this novel and dangerous development, which is one of a series of treacherous military actions perpetrated by the northern branch of SPLM and aided and abetted by South Sudan, we demand that the Security Council shoulder its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations by sending a firm and long-overdue message to the Government of South Sudan that it must end such actions, which undermine security and peace in both countries.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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